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ABSTRACT

Facts about Massachusetts public schools are presented for quick reference in 20 tables. Part 1, "A Few Miscellaneous Numbers", contains brief tables of: (1) total budget; (2) per-pupil cost; (3) number of schools; (4) number of public school districts; (5) number of operating districts; (6) number of superintendents; (7) number of educational collaboratives; (8) equal educational opportunity grants; (9) number of migrant students; (10) adult education; (11) school meals; and (12) dropouts. Part 2, "Facts about Massachusetts Students", contains tables detailing: (1) student enrollments by grade; (2) pupil enrollment; (3) student enrollments over 10 years; (4) racial/ethnic distribution; (5) numbers of public school bilingual students; and (6) special education enrollment. Part 3, "Facts about School Staffs", contains data tables concerning total professional/instructional staff and regular education instruction staff by selected subjects. (SLD)

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ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS

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I. A FEW MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

TOTAL BUDGET

	FY 89	FY 90 (Estimate)
Local	$2,633,660,042 (54.1%)	$2,749,773,957 (55.1%)
State	1,987,808,305 (40.9%)	1,987,501,626 (39.8%)
Federal	243,265,692 (5.0%)	256,018,205 (5.1%)
TOTAL	$4,864,734,039	$4,993,293,788

PER-PUPIL COST (Statewide Average)

FY89 $4,677

FY90 $4,905 (estimate)

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

	Public		Non-public	
	1988-89	1989-90	1988-89	1989-90
Elementary	1,229	1,230	484	314*
Middle/Junior High	263	262	6	5
High Schools	304	302	108	106
Other	33	23	217	214
TOTALS	1,829	1,817	815	639

*The Office for Children has assumed responsibility for nursery and nursery-kindergarten private schools.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

	1988-89	1989-90
Number of city districts with operating schools	39	39
Number of town districts with operating schools	238	235
Number of town districts without operating schools	74	77
Number of academic regional districts	54	55
Number of independent vocational districts	3	3
Number of vocational regional districts	26	26
Number of county agricultural districts	3	3
TOTAL	437	438

NUMBER OF OPERATING DISTRICTS

1988-89	1989-90
366	361

NUMBER OF SUPERINTENDENTS

1988-89	1989-90
279	279

(Note: Some school systems share a superintendent.)

NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES

1988-89	1989-90
36	36

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS 1989-90

Number of school districts eligible (districts with per-pupil expenditures that are less than 85% of the state average)	157

NUMBER OF MIGRANT STUDENTS 1989-90

5,700

ADULT EDUCATION 1989-90

Estimated number of people served in adult education programs	30,000

SCHOOL MEALS 1989-90

Number of students served school lunches (Average daily participation)	420,895
Number of students served school breakfasts (Average daily participation)	62,223

DROPOUTS 1988-89

Number of high-school dropouts	11,855

(The annual dropout rate was 4.9% during 1988-89 for grades 9-12. Rates varied considerably by school district, ranging from less than one percent to nearly 17 percent.)

II. FACTS ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS BY GRADE

	1988-89	1989-90	% difference
Pre-kindergarten	6,017	6,819	+13.3
Kindergarten	69,572	70,464	+ 1.3
Ungraded*	10,478	10,339	- 1.3
Grade 1	70,861	71,595	+ 1.0
Grade 2	64,886	66,972	+ 3.2
Grade 3	62,405	64,588	+ 3.5
Grade 4	60,344	62,561	+ 3.7
Grade 5	58,821	60,514	+ 2.9
Grade 6	58,169	59,398	[illegible]
Grade 7	58,143	59,624	+ 2.5
Grade 8	58,154	57,364	- 1.4
Grade 9	63,622	61,890	- 2.7
Grade 10	61,181	60,360	- 1.3
Grade 11	60,267	57,155	- 5.2
Grade 12	60,588	55,945	- 7.7
Grade 13/ Postgraduate**	1,569	1,533	- 2.3
Grade 14	332	275	- 17.2
TOTALS	825,409	827,396	+ 0.2

*Ungraded mainly represents certain categories of special education students or students enrolled in alternative programs.

**Grades 13 and 14 mainly represent students taking part in advanced courses at vocational schools or postgraduate training.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten through Grade 12
(not including pre-kindergarten, grades 13 and 14, and postgraduate.)

	1988-89	1989-90	1991-92 (Projected)
Number of students in public schools	825,409	827,396	828,379
Number of students in non-public schools	134,734	125,586	115,476
TOTALS	960,143	952,982	943,855

STUDENT ENROLLMENTS OVER 10 YEARS

	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
1980-81	1,001,766	139,125
1981-82	950,593	146,391
1982-83	912,183	148,590
1983-84	882,263	151,651
1984-85	862,440	149,746
1985-86	848,430	148,799
1986-87	835,960	146,567
1987-88	827,152	133,389
1988-89	825,409	134,734
1989-90	827,396	125,586

RACIAL/ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION
(of public school enrollment for pre-kindergarten through Grade 14)

	1988-89		1989-90	
	Number	% of total	Number	% of total
American Indian	1,083	.1	1,055	.1
Black (non-Hispanic)	60,082	7.3	62,020	7.5
Asian	24,668	3.0	26,641	3.2
Hispanic (non-White)	15,247	1.8	16,173	1.9
Hispanic (White)	40,028	4.8	44,768	5.4
White (non-Hispanic)	684,301	82.9	676,739	81.8
TOTALS	825,409		827,396	

NUMBERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BILINGUAL STUDENTS

	1987-88	1988-89
Limited English-proficient (# of students on Oct. 1)	33,263	32,655
First language not English (# of students on Oct. 1)	75,133	76,303

SPECIAL EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1988	140,326
October 1, 1989	143,373

III. FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL STAFFS

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

(In full-time equivalents*

	1988-89	1989-90	% difference
Regular Ed.	54,871.6	53,606.2	- 2.3
Special Ed.	10,251.7	10,522.0	+ 2.6
Bilingual/ESL	1,949.2	2,015.8	+ 3.4
Occupational Ed.	2,497.5	2,524.8	+ 1.1
TOTALS	69,570.0	68,668.8	- 1.3

*Because some teachers teach more than one subject, they are listed in more than one category according to the time spent with each subject.

REGULAR EDUCATION INSTRUCTION STAFF BY SELECTED SUBJECTS

(in full-time equivalents)

Subject area	1988-89	1989-90	% difference
English	3,958.4	3,786.8	- 4.3
French	686.0	639.3	- 6.8
Spanish	839.3	847.1	+ 0.9
Greek/Latin/Classics	169.9	173.5	+ 2.1
Geography	158.1	172.0	+8.8
History	720.6	701.9	- 2.6
Social Studies	2,237.3	2,089.1	- 6.6
Biology	758.1	763.8	+0.8
Chemistry	458.2	465.5	+1.6
Earth/General Sci	1,794.2	1,644.1	- 8.4
Math/math & sci	3,658.2	3,512.9	- 3.9
Physics	254.7	269.0	+5.6
Behavioral Sci	89.1	60.4	-32.2
Art/dance/mus/drama	3,219.8	3,070.0	- 4.6
Reading	2,079.7	2,044.4	- 1.7
Speech	205.9	221.7	+7.7

'Every child is a promise. Every child can learn. The goal is for schools to engage all students to achieve regardless of race, gender, or individual ability.

For our children and our future, public education must be our highest priority.'

Harold Raynolds Jr.
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